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U.S. Ambassador Derek Mitchell's Statement on Death of U Win Tin

Yangon – Today, U.S. Ambassador Derek Mitchell released the following statement on the death of U Win Tin.

“It was with great sadness that I learned of my friend U Win Tin’s passing this morning. As newspaper editor, author, poet, and for nearly two decades, political prisoner, U Win Tin was a man of rare integrity and courage, a man who dedicated his life to democratic principles, particularly the principle of press freedom, even under enormous hardship. After his release from prison, he continued to demonstrate his commitment to justice by establishing a foundation to assist former political prisoners and their families – and by continuing to wear his prisoner’s blue shirt until all such prisoners were back with their families. U Win Tin will be greatly missed, but his example will continue to serve as an inspiration to all those everywhere who are dedicated to seeking and speaking the truth in the face of injustice. I offer my deepest condolences to his family, his colleagues, and his many friends around the world who cherished him, and who already miss his unique voice.”

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